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9. [ ] Delivered to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, an additional copy of the memorandum "Oil Ownership and Profits in the Middle East" and a copy of the Director's letter to Senator McClellan, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, of 22 February 1974 concerning Senator Proxmire's proposal for release of community budget figures.

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10. [ ] Called Rob Roy Ratliff, NSC staff, and discussed a substitute sentence in the Agency's report to Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) on S. 2321, which places tenure limitations on the Director of Central Intelligence. The NSC preferred that the Agency not defer to the National Security Council as to the advisability of requiring the President to specifically authorize in writing every specific function to be performed by the Agency. Ratliff will check out the substitute sentence with the NSC and call us back.

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11. [ ] OLC, delivered to George Armstrong, Minority Staff Member, House Committee on Internal Security, an unclassified rundown [ ] on international terrorist groups prepared by [ ]. The study was requested by Armstrong for use by Representative John M. Ashbrook (R., Ohio) in connection with Committee hearings on terrorism beginning tomorrow.

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12. [ ] Met with George Gilbert, OMB, and discussed Agency views on State and Justice reports to the House Judiciary Committee

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[ ] I explained that we have no problem with the bill as written, but were concerned by the comments in the State and Justice reports which can be interpreted as favoring amending the bill to cover areas that would affect our activities. Gilbert understood the Agency's concern, but noted that State's report had been cleared. Justice, however, is being requested by OMB to revise their comments and limit their position to the bill as written. (See Memorandum for Record.) Gilbert also noted that his file indicates the Agency had concurred in State's report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last year when OMB asked for our comments on a draft of the bill. I told Gilbert I was sure that we had commented only on the draft bill and not State's report, but I would check. I also advised Gilbert that our people had reviewed and concurred in the transcript of the testimony to be given later in the day (26 February) on H. R. 12223.

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